## The Integrated Role of Snow, Orography and Dynamical Waves in Facilitating Western US Land Surface – Climate Linkages

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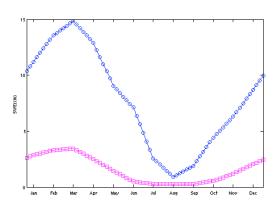
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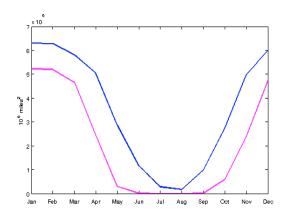
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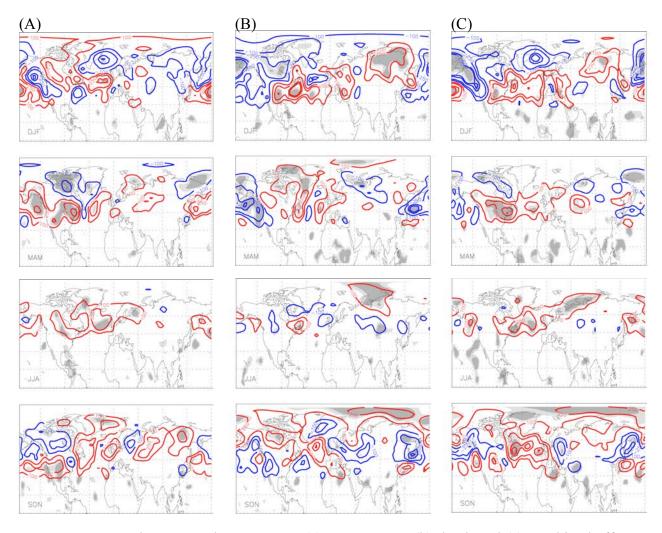
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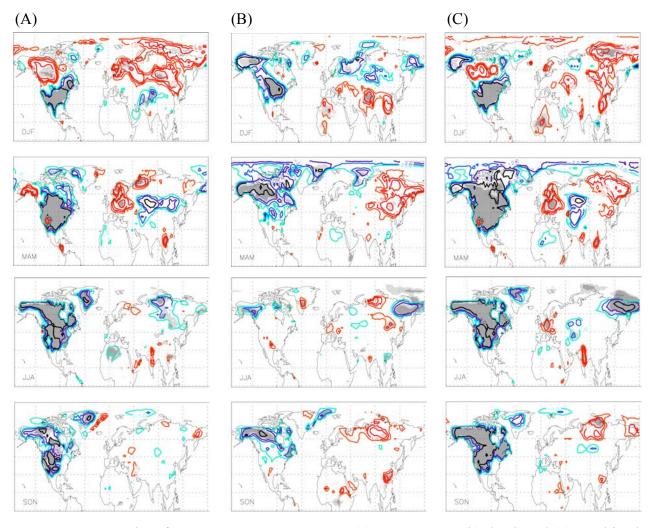




**Figure 1**. Seasonal high/low snow depth (as snow water equivalent, left) and snow extent (right). Due to model constraints on SWE, a cutoff was introduced and North America is snow-free in Jul-Aug for both cases.



**Figure 2**. Seasonal storm track response to (a) snow extent, (b) depth and (c) combined effects. Seasons appear in lower left corner of each plot. Contours at +/- 100, 250, 500, 600 m.



**Figure 3**. Seasonal surface temperature response to (a) snow extent, (b) depth and (c) combined effects. Seasons appear in lower left corner of each plot. Contours at  $\pm$  1, 1.5, 2, 3 °C.